

Elementary Russian II

NYU in Prague

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Learning goals

The course covers the situations, vocabulary and grammar required to take students up to the Pre-Intermediate level. Special attention is given to drills in spoken Russian and to the acquisition of an idiomatic conversational vocabulary. The course combines the traditional grammatical approach with a conversational, interactive method.

Course Materials

Our main course book will be **A Basic Course in Russian, Book 1, by Richard Robin, Kathryn Henry and Joanna Robin** (Prentice hall, 1998). Some additional material will be taken from the various text books which will be provided during the course. We will also listen to some recorded material in Russian and watch some language programs on video in order to improve listening skills.

'Russian Prague' as a living classroom. Our class takes advantage of the multitude of Russian cultural events that Prague offers. Many trips to performances, including opera, modern plays, and musical concerts are arranged as a part of the course. Various field-trips are undertaken to allow students to get to know Russian culture intimately. To get a feeling of Russian art, Russian history and literature, we will travel even further: to the picturesque town of Nachod and to the splendid spa-resort of Karlovy Vary.

Russian dinner and talks on various aspects of Russian culture and history provide an opportunity to use spoken Russian in everyday situations.

Grading

Attendance, participation, homework	40%
Midterm test	20%
Final examination	40%

You will be asked to prepare essays as a part of the midterm test and final exam.